



Calvary
lutheran church

invite • inspire • equip • engage

Volume XVII, Issue II
February 2016

The Caller



Immersed

“All go to one place; all are from the dust, and all turn to dust again.”

Ecclesiastes 3:20

It is quite unbelievable to me that it is already February. Time seems to be flying faster than I am accustomed to these days.

When I think of February, I think of calendars made of construction paper hung up with masking tape on the walls of elementary school teacher's walls, dressed in bright pinks and reds and decorated with hearts.

Our culture has declared February to be love month. We center it on Valentine's Day. We buy chalky heart-shaped candy to share, or give out valentines; we bring flowers to our significant other, or surprise a new love interest in our life with a box of chocolates. The world seems focused on the sugary love that is shared in sweet kisses with our sweethearts.

But the church will celebrate February in a way that is much less sweet and cute. February 10 marks Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent.

Ash Wednesday is my absolute favorite day of the church year. Part of this is because it reminds me of dark evenings spent at church growing up that had a special holiness to them. I remember sitting as a kid, feeling the oddity of worshipping at night and reveling in the experience. There's just something holy and wonderful in coming together at night



Inside this issue

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Bible Study | 06 |
| Book Clubs..... | 07 |
| Calendar | 12 |
| Church Business..... | 11 |
| Intergenerational | 04 |
| Lent..... | 08 |
| Milestones | 11 |
| Outreach..... | 03 |
| Serving in Worship | 13 |
| Women's Ministries | 10 |

Important Dates

Ash Wednesday Services
Wednesday, February 10th
12:00 P.M., 7:00 P.M.

From Intern Pastor Carrie Smisek, continued...



to worship God with your community, to sing songs and pray together around candlelight. It's beautiful.

But the best part of Ash Wednesday was when I would go to the pastor, feel the grit of ashes being pressed onto my forehead and hearing the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Because those words have done two major things for me at various points in my life. When I was a boisterous, obnoxious, middle-school aged girl who thought she was invincible, those words reminded me that one day, I will return to dust. And there's nothing I can do to change that.

But in years that were plagued with self-doubt, these words reminded me that I am nothing but dust, and yet I am part of the humanity whom Christ lived and died to save from the very things that were causing me to have self-doubt. I am made of merely dust, and yet God charges me and allows me to live a life freely given and inspired by the fact that I have been saved by grace through faith.

Ash Wednesday reminds us of the love that is far deeper than the sticky-sweet love of Valentine's Day.

Ash Wednesday reminds us of the cutting love that God has for us, the love that sent Jesus Christ to die on the cross for us. The love that tells us that though one day, we will face our own deaths, Christ conquered it for us first.

And so, let us be reminded that we are merely dust, and that God is so much greater than us.

And let us be reminded that we are merely dust, and that God has done so much for us unworthy creatures.

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Grace and peace,

Carrie

Intern Pastor Carrie Smisek

Outreach

Red Wagon Spotlight: College Care Packages

Our Red Wagon's next "roll" will be **Sunday, February 14**, Valentine's Day!

Our mission will help spread love to our college kids from Calvary while they are away at school. "Care Packages" will be created by our middle & high school age kids. The following list will help these packages become reality:

- Annie's Mac & Cheese
- Cocoa, Cider, Tea, or Via packets
- Calvary mugs (provided!)
- \$10.00 gift cards from Target, Fred Meyer, or Trader Joe's
- Home-baked goods (allergy issues will be addressed)
- Regular or small size shoe boxes

Any monetary donations would help pay for postage or purchase any of the items. There are approximately 8-10 students who will certainly be surprised & happy to receive these tokens of caring.

Thank you for considering a donation!
"LOVE MAKES A FAMILY"

Marchy Curtis

Red Wagon Coordinator



Intergenerational Ministries



**Pub
Theology**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2016

6:30 P.M.

**LOLLI'S BROILER & PUB
32925 1ST AVENUE S.
FEDERAL WAY, WA 98003**

young adult ministries game day

Sunday, February 21st

12:30ish

Calvary Social Hall

If you aren't hosting,
please bring a salad,
side dish, dessert, or
beverage.

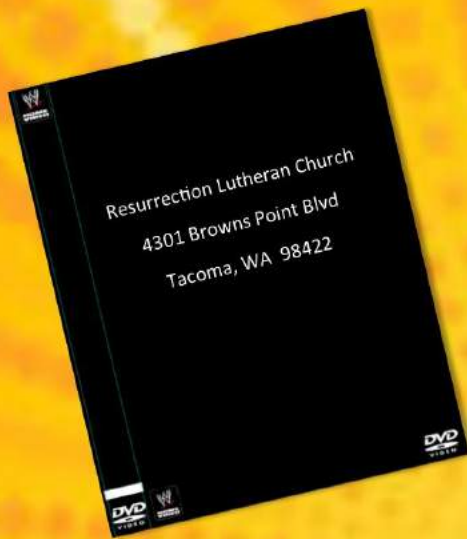
Childcare provided.



Hosted by Wil Wheaton.

Just kidding.

But wouldn't that be awesome?



**DATE & DETAILS
TO BE ANNOUNCED**



**INTERACTIVE
MOVIE NIGHT**

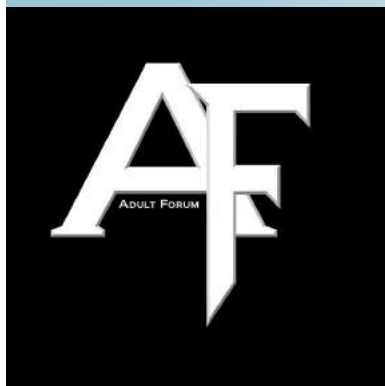
Go on a SLO Trip!

Senior Lutheran Outings (SLO)
takes day trips around
the Puget Sound area
and beyond.

Stay tuned for information
on their next adventure!



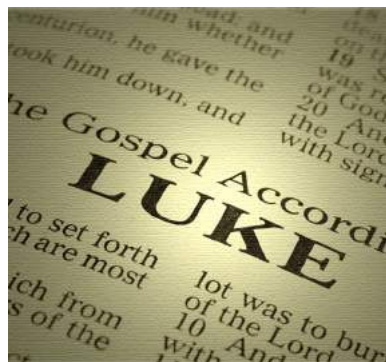
Bible Studies



Sunday Forum

Sundays at 10:15 A.M. in the Social Hall

See page 8 for February details.



Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesdays at 10:00 A.M. in LC #1. Pastor Lori is leading a new Bible study, *The Gospel According to St. Luke: Digging Deeper*.

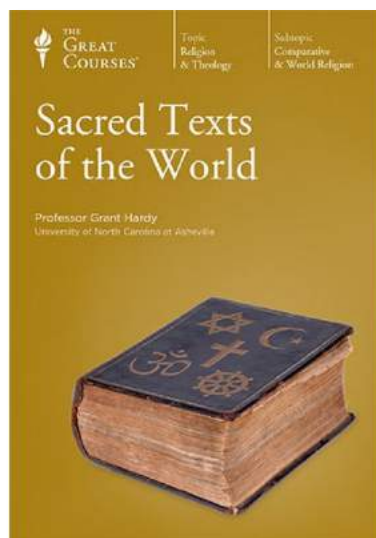
We'll look at who Luke's Gospel was written for, what makes it unique from the other Gospels, and why we modern listeners should listen carefully to Luke's concerns.



Midweek Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10:00 A.M. in Pastor Lori's office. Each week, Pastor Lori Cornell or Intern Pastor Carrie Smisek leads a discussion about the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday and explores how they apply to our lives today.

There will be no study on Wednesday, February 10th, Ash Wednesday.



Men's Bible Study

Thursday mornings at 8:00 A.M.

The current study is from the video series *Sacred Texts of the World*, a series from The Great Courses.

On Thursday, February 4th, they meet at Poverty Bay Café, 1108 S. 322nd Place, Federal Way. Thursdays, February 11th, 18th, and 25th, they will meet in Calvary's Learning Center #2.

Contact: Bill Johnson

Book Clubs

Book Club

The Book Club is open to men and women interested in exploring literature together. Visitors interested in discussing a particular book or wanting to join are always welcome!

The next Book Club meeting will be held on Monday, February 22nd at 7:00 P.M. in the Library.

February Book: [*Go Set a Watchman*](#) by Harper Lee

They will meet again on Monday, March 28th.

Contact: Gail Pierson

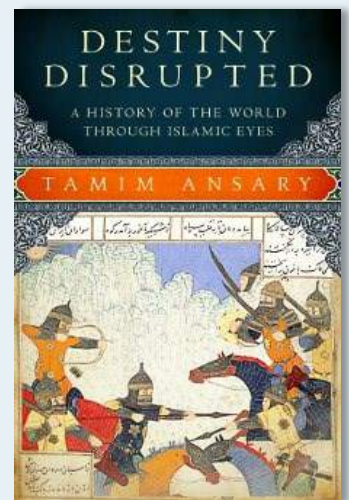
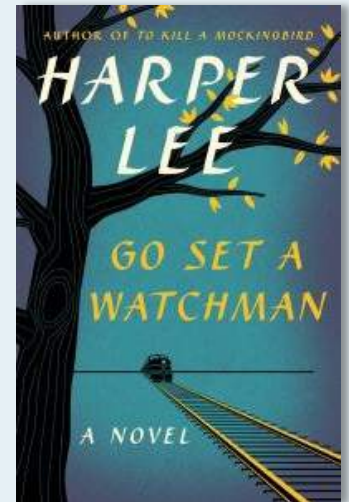
Men's Book Club

The next Men's Book Club meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11th at 1:30 P.M. in LC #1.

February Book: [*Destiny Disrupted: A History of the World Through Islamic Eyes*](#) by Tamim Ansary

They will meet again on Thursday, March 10h to discuss [*The Wright Brothers*](#) by David McCullough

Contact: Larry Bengtson



Lent 2016: Immersed

This year we take up the theme of Holy Baptism. We will be talking about how we live out our baptism daily. The question Luther asked was, “What does baptism mean for daily life?”

We will continue our focus on Luther’s *Small Catechism*.

Sunday Worship

On Sunday mornings in worship we will be talking to members of our congregation about how they live out their baptism in life’s ordinary circumstances.

The themes for our discussion will come straight from the assigned Lenten Scriptures. We will discover how people respond with faith when challenges happen in our lives.



Sunday Forum

Each Sunday we will take the Gospel we hear in worship and look at how it intersects with our daily life. We will ask the quintessential Lutheran question of it, *What does this mean for me?* Be ready to engage the scripture on a very personal level.

Wednesday Night Soup Supper and Worship

After we share a meal, we will be looking at each of the 5 aspects of our Baptismal Affirmation: to live among God’s faithful people,

- ♦ to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper,
- ♦ to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- ♦ to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- ♦ and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

We will discuss one affirmation each week, how it jibes with our current experience, and how we might live it out more fully. Then we will pray over the affirmation, using a prayer practice called the Examen.

Daily Devotion

As in past Advents and Lents, you will have daily devotional cards to mark the 40 days of Lent and the days of Holy Week.

A Congregational Service Project

To emphasize the watery part of our baptismal theme, we will be collecting loose change for Lutheran World Relief, to fund a \$500 water system that provides clean water for drinking and bathing.

Our Objectives for our Lenten Season for every worshiper:

1. Help you to claim your identity as a baptized child of God;
2. Help you to connect your baptism to your daily life; and
3. Engage in devotion and reflection that helps you to grow spiritually.



A S H

W E D N E S D A Y

Wednesday, February 10th
Services at Noon & 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Soup Supper & Worship



February 17th

February 24th

March 2nd

March 9th

March 16th

Wednesdays in Lent

6:15 p.m. Soup Supper in the Social Hall

7:00 p.m. Worship in the Great Room

Women's Ministries

Prayer Shawl

The Prayer Shawl Group welcomes all who knit or crotchet.

No February Meeting.
Monday, March 7th
10:00 A.M. in LC #2.

Contact: Deanna Kaasa

Lunch Bunch

Thursday, February 18th,
11:30 A.M. at Peking Wok
32921 1st Ave S.,
Federal Way, WA 98003

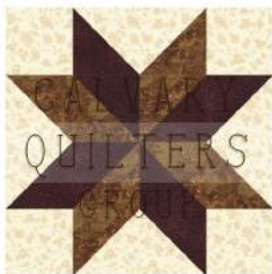
Contact:
Mary Helen Amberson



Naomi Circle

Saturday, February 6th, 10:00 A.M.
at the home of Carolyn Davis
126 S. 324th Place
Federal Way, WA 98003
Carolyn's Phone: 253.874.1342

Contact: Madeline Yamada



LWR Quilting Ministry

Monday, February 8th
10:00 AM., Learning Center #1

Contacts:
Corky Black & Madeline Yamada



WELCA Spring Retreat ♦ May 13-15, 2016 ♦ Dumas Bay Centre

Milestones & Community

Prayers for Members with Ongoing Health Issues

| | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Aileen Fink Ambrose | Janet Freeman-Daily |
| Marion Beck | Jeanne Hotchkiss |
| Virginia Benson | Harold & Ardy Jobse |
| Marsha Case | Joann Jones |
| Yvonne Eagan | Brendan O'Reilly |
| Carrie Ferguson | Marlise Ross |

Baptismal Anniversaries

| | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Suzanne Bergstrom | Judy Liening |
| Beth Chapin | Dick Pierson |
| Holly Fisher | Denise Sawyer |
| Nellie Gordon | Jean Schiedinger |
| Claire Hansen | Sue Thoreson |
| Ardith Jobse | Dana Yamada |

Birthdays

| | |
|----|-------------------|
| 5 | Marcy Curtis |
| 6 | Alex Nagode |
| 7 | Marion Beck |
| 9 | Lynn Fisher |
| 10 | Barb Frost |
| 12 | Doris Hauf |
| 14 | Linda Eskesen |
| 14 | Bobbi McClain |
| 15 | Becky Riddle |
| 16 | Rose Baker |
| 16 | Kelly Baughman |
| 16 | Waverly Hagen |
| 17 | Don Smith |
| 17 | Marshall Warner |
| 18 | Jacob Probstfield |
| 23 | Nancy Conkle |
| 24 | Mike Ragan |
| 26 | Claire Thoreson |
| 26 | Shari Winslow |
| 27 | Madeline Yamada |
| 28 | Tyler Bugert |

Church Business

Schedule Notes

New Council Members will be installed during the 9:00 A.M. service on Sunday, February 7th.

The **church office will be closed** on Monday, February 15th for Presidents' Day.

Narthex Task Force Update

Because it has been so long since you have heard from the Narthex Task Force(NTF), I just wanted you to be reassured we have not forgotten our duties and have been deliberately considering our different options. Wanting to make the appearance "right" and the best we can do for our budget has been paramount.

Our proposal was presented to the Building & Grounds Committee in the Fall. They worked diligently over the holidays to complete the educational wing remodel. Now that the remodel is nearing completion, we anticipate a response to our proposal and estimate costs. Once the Narthex Task Force has had a chance to review estimates, we will share the news of our decision.

Thank You,

Marcy Curtis
Narthex Task Force Chairman

Serving in Worship Schedule

| <u>Feb 2016</u> | 7 | 10th @ noon | 10th @ 7 pm | 14 | 21 | 28 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Sanctuary @ 9:00 | | | | | | |
| | Ash Wed | | Ash Wed | | | |
| Acolyte | Tina Hopper | | | Noah Kropp | Nevada Paris | Sabrina Engberg |
| Assisting Minister | Pat Roragen | Roger Lundeen | Madeline Yamada | Gail Pierson | Craig Hoppeler | Carrie Smisek |
| Pew Communion | Bobbi McClain | Gail Pierson | Pat Roragen | Marj Hause | Roger Lundeen | Dave Baughman |
| Communion Assist <i>serve juice or tray alternate-serve juice or tray</i> | Dan Achman | Sherry Fleury | Sharon Stenersen | Neal Cook | Holly Fisher | AJ Engberg |
| | Marlise Ross | Lynn Naumann | Stan Stenersen | Sandra Cook | Vicki Smith | Claudia Vedvick |
| | <i>Karin Johnson</i> | <i>Waverly Hagen</i> | <i>Renate Cooper</i> | <i>Becky Riddle</i> | <i>Al Parke</i> | <i>Beth Engberg</i> |
| | <i>Renate Cooper</i> | <i>Vicki Smith</i> | <i>Marj Hause</i> | <i>Karin Johnson</i> | <i>Pat Roragen</i> | <i>Madeline Yamada</i> |
| Greeter | Corky Black | Vivian Anderson | Holly Fisher | Barb Frost | Nellie Gordon | Doris Rime |
| | Patti Smith | Vonne Fowler | Lynn Fisher | Ellen Gaebe | Carolyn Hillis | Jean Warmbo |
| Reader | Marj Hause | Dixie Baeth | Pam Prescott | Dixie Baeth | Larry Reintsma | Becky Riddle |
| Usher | Phil Sell | Mary Sawyer | Randy Baeth | Betty Huff | Larry Bengtson | Denise Achman |
| | Kelly Thoreson | | Keith Klungness | Bill Huff | Bill Johnson | Dan Achman |
| Sound Board | Glenn Sawyer | Vern Warmbo | Glenn Sawyer | Al Parke | Glenn Sawyer | Craig Hoppeler |
| Building Supervisor | John Tomko | Mary Sawyer | Keith Klungness | Bill Johnson | Al Parke | Vern Warmbo |
| Deeper Life @ 11:15 | | | | | | |
| Communion Asst | Kari Frost | | | Jill Hill | Paula Fowler | Jill Hill |
| | Waverly Hagen | | | Carrie Smisek | Mary Sawyer | Carrie Smisek |
| Greeter | Carrie Smisek | | | Mike Ragan | Jean Nistad | Paula Fowler |
| Altar Guild | Dixie Baeth | Marsha Nicholson | | Dixie Baeth | H&L Fisher | Kathy Nathan |
| | Kathy Nathan | Kathy Nathan | | Ellen Campbell | Gayle Miller | Cindy Wagner |
| Hospitality | Marlise Ross | | | Diana Paris | Waverly Hagen | M. Nicholson |
| | Bonnie Nagode | | | | Jill Hill (DL) | |

Please find your own replacement, then notify the office. For future scheduling mari.calvaryelca@comcast.net

February 2016 Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|---|--|-----------|---|
| 31 10:00 AM Coming Together Service/Communion/Sanctuary 11:15 AM Annual Meeting/Social Hall 4:00 PM Jan Olson Memorial | 1 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/WorkRoom 6:30 PM Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/Great Room | 2 10:00 AM Tuesday Bible Study/LC #1 7:00 PM Management Team/WkRm | 3 10:00 AM Midweek Bible Study/Pastor's Office 6:30 PM Confirmation/LC #2 | 4 8:00 AM Men's Bible St/Poverty Bay Cafe 10:00 AM Carrie's Office Hours/Poverty Bay Cafe 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Calvary Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary | 5 | 6 9:00 AM Council Retreat/Great Room 10:00 AM Naomi Circle/C. Davis Home |
| 7 9:00 AM Worship/Communion/Sanctuary 10:15 AM Faith Education 10:15 AM Forum/Social Hall 11:15 AM Deeper Life/Communion/Great Room | 8 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Work Room 10:00 AM LWR Quilting Group/LC #1 6:30 PM Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/Great Room | 9 7:00 PM Church Council/LC #1 | 10 Ash Wednesday 12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service/Sanctuary 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service/Sanctuary | 11 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/LC #2 10:00 AM Carrie's Office Hours/Poverty Bay Cafe 1:00 PM Preschool Team/Library 1:30 PM Men's Book Club/LC #1 until 3:30 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Calvary Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary | 12 | 13 |
| 14 <u>Red Wagon Sunday</u> 9:00 AM Worship/Communion/Sanctuary 10:15 AM Faith Education 10:15 AM Forum/Social Hall 11:15 AM Deeper Life/Communion/Great Room | 15 | 16 7:00 PM Building & Grounds Teams/LC #1 | 17 10:00 AM Midweek Bible Study/Pastor's Office 6:15 PM Lent Soup Supper & Worship | 18 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/LC #2 10:00 AM Carrie's Office Hours/Poverty Bay Cafe 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch/Peking Wok 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Calvary Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary | 19 | 20 |
| 21 9:00 AM Worship/Communion/Sanctuary 10:15 AM Faith Education 10:15 AM Forum/Social Hall 11:15 AM Deeper Life/Communion/Great Room 12:30 PM Young Adults/Social Hall | 22 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Work Room 6:30 PM Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/Great Room 7:00 PM Book Club/Library | 23 6:30 PM Finance Tm/LC #1 | 24 10:00 AM Midweek Bible Study/Pastor's Office 6:15 PM Lent Soup Supper & Worship | 25 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/LC #2 10:00 AM Carrie's Office Hours/Poverty Bay Cafe 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Calvary Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary | 26 | 27 |
| 28 9:00 AM Worship/Communion/Sanctuary 10:15 AM Faith Education 10:15 AM Forum/Social Hall 11:15 AM Deeper Life/Communion/Great Room | 29 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Work Room 6:30 PM Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/Great Room | 1 7:00 PM Management Team/Work Rm | 2 10:00 AM Midweek Bible Study/Pastor's Office 6:15 PM Lent Soup Supper & Worship | 3 8:00 AM Men's Bible St/Poverty Bay Cafe 10:00 AM Carrie's Office Hours/Poverty Bay Cafe 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Calvary Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary | 4 | 5 10:00 AM Naomi Circle/R. Cooper Home |

ANNUAL meeting

Sunday, January 31st

Following 10:00 A.M. Coming Together Service

The Annual Meeting will be accompanied by a potluck luncheon.
A-F: Dessert, G-P: Main Dish, Q-Z: Side/Salad

Please bring your Annual Report with you to the meeting.



Calvary Lutheran Church, 2415 S. 320th Street, Federal Way, WA 98003
Phone: (253) 839 - 0344, Fax: (253) 839 - 0345, www.calvary-elca.org